

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated March 26, 2008 issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the Office Action have been carefully considered. Claims 1-75 are pending. Applicant intends to file an Appeal Brief in accordance with the Notice of Appeal filed on January 24, 2008. Applicant submits this Amendment prior to the Appeal Brief to cancel certain claims and, therefore, requests entry of the Amendment in accordance with MPEP § 1206(I)(A).

In particular, Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 26-34, 72, and 73 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in continuation, continuation-in-part, and/or divisional patent application.

The substantive arguments shall be addressed in the Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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